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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON U.S. INITIATIVES AT MEXICO CITY MF:
INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REFS: (A) BUENOS AIRES 2239; (B) STATE 64548

1. SCIATT HAS MADE DEMARCHES REQUESTED REFTEL B ON FONOFF (BELLO AND MAROLLO OF SCIENCE COMMISSION); SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (ECONOMY MINISTRY) DAVIE; AND SECRETARY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (EDUCATION AND CULTURE MINISTRY) OLIVERA. AT FONOFF REQUEST, WE HAVE LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING POINTS IN PARA 3 REFTEL B.

2. FONOFF WAS NONCOMMITTAL, BUT SEEMED TO WELCOME OUR INPUT AS ALTERNATIVE TO LATIN AMERICAN COMMISSION IDEA (REFTEL A).

3. DAVIE EXPRESSED HIS GENERAL INTEREST IN THE IDEA, BUT WAS ALSO QUITE NONCOMMITTAL.

4. WE SAW OLIVERA LATE APRIL 5; HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND WAS ALSO AWARE OF THE IDEA IN REFTEL A. OLIVERA TOLD US QUITE CLEARLY THAT HE PERSONALLY FAVORS AN INTERAMERICAN COMMISSION OVER A LATIN AMERICAN ONE. AS
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IN DAVIE'S), OLIVERA EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE INTERAMERICAN COMMISSION COULD ALSO CONSIDER JOINT PROGRAMS OF PURE AND/OR APPLIED RESEARCH WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES. SCIATT TOLD HIM THAT HE THOUGHT WE WERE QUITE OPEN TO AN IDEA SUCH AS THAT.

5. BASED ON ABOVE CONSULTATIONS, EMBASSY BELIEVES ARGENTINA WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT U.S. IDEA AND AGREE TO FORMATION OF AD HOC GROUP, SHOULD THIS BE FORMALLY PROPOSED AT APRIL 17-18 MFM.
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